

# EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL

## MINUTES

September 24, 2004

150 North 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 540-A

### Members Present:

Ben Bobrow (Chairman)  
Mark Venuti  
Bob Ramsey  
Decker Williams  
Kay Lewis  
Willie Minor  
Richard Thacher  
Thelma Brandon-Davis  
Roy Ryals

Kevin Conn  
Taylor Payson  
Kurt Krumperman  
John Gallagher  
Janine Anderson  
Mark Stroh  
Paul Coe  
Michael Ward

### Members Absent:

Coy Amerson  
Scott Petersen  
Joseph Gulotta  
Neal Thomas  
Robert Costello  
Charlie Smith  
Gary Bradbury  
Daniel Spaite  
David Cheney  
Marilyn Price  
Michael Hegarty

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Ben Bobrow, Chairman, called the regular meeting of the Emergency Medical Services Council to order at 10:50 a.m. A quorum was present.

### **II. DISCUSS/AMEND and/or APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Kay Lewis and seconded by Willie Minor to approve the minutes of January 23, 2004 with no corrections and approve the agenda for September 24, 2004.

**Motion carried – 15 (Yes) - 1(Abstention)**

### **III. REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR**

Rose Conner, Assistant Director, Arizona Department of Health Services, addressed the Commission regarding Departmental and Bureau issues, including specific Bureau staffing changes. Rose Conner announced that one member of the EMS Council Executive Committee will be invited to be on the interview panel for the new Bureau Chief.

### **IV. ANNOUNCEMENT/INTRODUCTION OF BEMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR**

Ben Bobrow provided a brief summary of his background, stated that he looks forward to working with EMS Council and the EMS Community, and thanked those with whom he has recently communicated.

### **V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Membership Update** – Dona Markley gave the Chairman's report. Ben Bobrow presented certificates to members.

**B. Education Committee Report** – The Committee met on September 17, 2004. Kay Lewis requested that these items be on the next agenda:

**Item:** Addition of Diltiazem to the Drug Box as an Optional Drug  
**Follow Up:** Next Meeting of EMS Council  
**When:** January 21, 2005

**Item:** Status of EMT Basics to Carry and Administer Aspirin  
**Follow Up:** Next Meeting of EMS Council  
**When:** January 21, 2005

## **VI. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Amyl Nitrite Pilot Project Annual Update** – This is a five year pilot project which originally began in June 2000. The Honeywell Fire Department has not responded to any emergencies warranting the use of Amyl Nitrite.
- B. Calcium Gluconate Pilot Project Annual Update** – This is a five year pilot project which originally began in October 2000. There was one incident on Thursday, July 22, 2004, the Honeywell Fire Department responded to a “possible chemical exposure.” Upon completion of a thorough accident investigation by the Honeywell Health, Safety and Environmental Department and Facility Operations Department, it was determined that the patient was not exposed to any chemicals in the sub-floor at all. The patient finally admitted that he stepped in a puddle on the floor in the Clean Line/Plating department near the pump. The patient was working on a sump pump. This puddle became a subsequent hazardous materials incident at 0910 hours the same morning. It was a product called Oakite Rust Stripper (ph of 12) and was caused by the failure of a sump pump.

It was recommended that on the incident form under Response times add in-house and out-house next to the word “Dispatched”.

The Chairman, Ben Bobrow, requested that these items be put on the April 2005 Agenda to discuss final determination on EMT-Basic use of Amyl Nitrite and Calcium Gluconate.

**Item:** Amyl Nitrite Pilot Project and  
Calcium Gluconate Pilot Project  
**Follow Up:** EMS Council  
**When:** April 22, 2005

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. BEMS Rulemaking Update**  
Dona Markley distributed and briefly reviewed the "Notice of BEMS Administrative Rulemaking Activity." This document describes the current rulemaking activities underway at the Bureau of EMS. Also included were a copy of draft trauma center designation rules and an agenda for an upcoming October 4, 2004 trauma center designation rules workgroup meeting.

The Trauma Center Designation Rules, with a projected October 2005 effective date, and the new Air Ambulance Rules, with a projected April 2006 effective date, are the Bureau's top rulemaking priorities.

The purpose of the Air Ambulance Rulemaking is to establish new standards and processes for air ambulance service licensing and air ambulance registration. The Bureau of EMS will establish a core group to provide stakeholder input during the rulemaking and will hold public meetings to ensure community participation in the rulemaking process.

This core group will include all current air ambulance services operating in Arizona, and other representatives from ground ambulance and EMS.

In addition, Ms. Markley mentioned a minor rulemaking currently underway to correct an oversight in the new EMS rules that went into effect January 2004. The rulemaking modifies the admission requirements for refresher courses to allow admission to individuals who have never held NREMT registration, but who must complete a refresher course in order to obtain NREMT registration. She also stated that on September 21, 2004, 9 A.A.C. 25, Article 8 was renumbered to Article 5, to allow rules, not directly related to EMT practice, to be put in Articles 6, 7, and 8. There are no changes to the text of the rules, other than to correct citations.

**B. 2005 Meeting Schedule**

A motion was made by John Gallagher seconded by Kay Lewis to approve the 2005 Meeting Schedule. **Motion carried.**

**VIII. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COORDINATING SYSTEMS' REPORTS**

- A. Central Region** – AEMS is working on the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual EMS Odyssey Conference, which will be held June 2005 at Embassy Suites in Phoenix. They are in the process of working on revising their administrative red book.
- B. Southeastern Region** – SAEMS is three weeks into the trial suspending the Divert Protocol. SAEMS continues to work on their Rural Data Collection project. It was suggested that all future SAEMS' reports include updates on the No-Divert Protocol and the Rural Data Collection project.
- C. Western Region** – They are currently working with the Southeastern Region looking at data collection. The western region has concern over the appointment of the Lay Member positions of the Council; they believe they do not allow representation of the four regions.
- D. Northern Region** – The next regional meeting has been rescheduled to November 4, 2004. This will allow NAEMS members who so desire to stay and attend EMS in the Pines mixer and conference.

**IX. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

A question was asked regarding the issue of the trauma legislation. Dona Markley stated that the main issue affecting BEMS right now is the clarification of the delegation authority associated with the trauma legislation. The Director will be working with BEMS to determine how to best move forward with this issue.

A question was asked whether the Director signed the MAI/RSI pilot project to be included in the Expanded Scope for Paramedics. Dona Marie Markley reported that recommendation is still being looked at. Council members requested that this item be on the next agenda.

<b>Item:</b>	<b>Status of MAI/RSI Pilot Project</b>
<b>Follow Up:</b>	<b>Next EMS Council Meeting</b>
<b>When:</b>	<b>January 21, 2005</b>

Council members recommended that a notice be put on the website that we are not having an EMS Futures Forum this year.

Council members expressed concern that the Lay Member positions on the Council did not have representation by the four regions. It was recommended that the Council send a letter to the Governor regarding this issue; and possibly propose legislation to formalize this issue. Rose Conner stated that she would take the Council's concern back to the Director.

Stephen Powles reported that there is now a statutory committee called the Public Safety Communications Advisory Committee. The Legislation funded it with two million dollars. There will nine full-time positions; and they are currently looking for an Executive Director.

It was recommended that the Epinephrine PowerPoint Presentation (paper copy) that Kathleen Maxwell presented at the Medical Direction Commission also be used when Epinephrine is presented to the Protocols, Medications, and Devices (PMD) Subcommittee in November and presented to EMS Council in January.

Mark Stroh announced that a new hospital is being developed in the western region. It is located in the Mohave Valley and is scheduled to open October of 2005. They are looking at being an ALS hospital.

**X. TRAINING OR EDUCATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Southwest Regional Conference will be held at the Tucson Convention Center on October 7 – 8, 2004.

**XI. NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting will be held on January 21, 2005.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Approved by: Emergency Medical Services Council

Date: January 21, 2005